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GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer

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Horrors! Bosses Shout At Labor In Politics

By DAN SMYTH
Chicago Correspondent for AFL News Service
Chicago.—What do employers fear? The general tone of business men's speeches at a conference here last night is really in politics, but it is not the politics of the labor union, it is the politics of the labor boss. The conference was sponsored by the United States and the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

Merwin B. Finkle, labor minister of the American Business and Industry, spoke on the "Labor Union as a Factor in the Nation's Life." He said that the labor union is a factor in the nation's life, but it is not the politics of the labor union, it is the politics of the labor boss. The conference was sponsored by the United States and the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

Chicago Stalls Pay Raise For Workers

(Special Correspondence)
Chicago.—A serious situation for the city of Chicago is developing as the city government is unable to pay the wages of its employees. The city has a budget deficit of \$100,000,000. The city has a budget deficit of \$100,000,000. The city has a budget deficit of \$100,000,000.

AFL Local Charges Arkansas Employer

Clarksville, Ark.—In the first case of its kind brought under the American Arbitration Association and one of the most unusual in United States history, the American Arbitration Association has charged the Arkansas Employers' Association with the violation of the National Labor Relations Act. The case involves the employment of two labor union members who were fired by the employer.

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Washington.—AFL President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany today urged the Federal Communications Commission to act promptly to order to build up the widest possible listening audience for the National Labor Broadcasting station for short time of local broadcast and insert news of station and time in space program.

Doctors Oppose Aid To Schools Despite Serious Shortages

Washington.—A survey shows that the American Medical Association is opposed to the aid to schools despite the serious shortages of doctors. The survey was conducted by the American Medical Association and the results show that the majority of doctors are opposed to the aid to schools.

New Stamp to Carry Gompers Likeness

UNITED STATES POSTAGE



SAMUEL GOMPERS

Washington.—Postmaster General James H. Doolittle announced that the new commemorative postage stamp, carry a likeness of Sam Gompers and first president of the American Federation of Labor, will be one of the "Famous Americans" series. The stamp is to be one of the "Famous Americans" series.

Here's How to Get Gompers Stamp

Washington.—AFL stamp collectors and members who want copies of the new Samuel Gompers commemorative stamp can obtain them by writing to the Postmaster, Washington, D.C.

Building Trades Show, AFL Hospitality

Washington.—The officials of three AFL building trades unions and the International Association of Machinists great Delta Delta union announced that they have become a traditional mark of the hospitality shown visiting labor leaders in the city of Washington.

U.S. Urged to Halt Import of Labor On Farms for 1950

Washington.—A powerful labor movement-government advisory board issued a report today urging the United States government to halt the import of labor on farms for 1950. The report was issued by the National Labor Relations Board.

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HUTCHESON WEDS FLORIDA WOMAN

Laurel, Fla.—William J. Hutchison, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, today wedded a Florida woman. The ceremony was held in a private home in Laurel, Fla.

TO CALL PENSION EXPERTS

New York.—The International Brotherhood of Teamsters today called on pension experts to help it in its fight to secure the passage of the Pension Benefits Guaranty Act.

Tobin to Continue Aid to Handicapped

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin today pledged to continue his aid to the handicapped. He said that the government will continue to support the handicapped in every way possible.

THIN REINS CONTROL

Washington.—The House today passed a bill to control the use of labor in the construction industry. The bill is known as the Construction Labor Control Act.

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World Labor Head

Ohio Federation To Honor Gompers At Home Opening

Columbus, Ohio.—The Ohio State Federation of Labor will dedicate its new home in Columbus today. The new home is located at 1212 E. 12th St. and will be dedicated Saturday, Jan. 21, followed by open house sessions. A banquet will be held that evening.

Portland Local Of Musicians Honors DPs

Portland, Ore.—Local 89 of the AFL American Federation of Musicians today honored the DPs (Democratic Party) at a dinner. The dinner was held at the Hotel Portland and was attended by many guests.

BACK CHARGE FAIR

Chicago.—The Chicago Federation of Labor has charged the International Association of Machinists with a back charge fair. The charge is based on the fact that the I.A.M. has not paid its dues to the C.F.L.

AFL Head Criticizes S. C. Workmen's Aid

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SUPPLEMENT

WILLIAM GREEN, *President*

WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1949

GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer

153 Stations Carry AFL Newscasts

Washington.—The radio news and commentary of Frank Edwards, sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, is carried by 153 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting Company in 38 states.

Mr. Edwards, one of the outstanding liberal commentators, was scheduled to begin his Monday through Friday nightly state-of-the-union broadcast from Washington at 10 p.m.

The revised, corrected and expanded list of stations and broadcast times has just been released. Labor editors have done an excellent job thus far publicizing the stations and times Edwards will be heard in their local areas.

Following are stations carrying Mr. Edwards:

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AFL-CIO Leaders Happy Over Job Well Done



New York.—AFL and CIO leaders who worked together to establish the world's strongest anticommunist international labor group wind up their trip to and from the London conference with smiles and handshakes. Arriving from the founding meeting of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions are front row L to r, AFL Vice President Charles J. McGowan, president Bollermakers; AFL President William Green; Dr. MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Steelworkers; AFL Vice President W. C. Cokerly, president Letter Carriers; and back row, L to r, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany; CIO Vice President Allan Haywood, and AFL Vice President George M. Harrison, president Railway Clerks.

NLRB Gives Okay To Unfair Lists And Struck Work

Washington.—The National Labor Relations Board in close split decisions upheld the right of AFL unions to put "unfair" employers on "do not patronize" lists and to refuse to han-

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Mme. Pandit Says U.S. Women Don't Use Voting Power

[illegible]

First Woman Ambassador to United States

NLRB-Denham Snarl the Building Trades--But Good

Washington—The National Labor Relations Board and General Counsel Robert N. Denham have now snarled labor relations in the building and construction trades industry, saying they have no hope of repair under the Taft-Hartley law.

With the board and Denham hopeful of a veto over any relaxation of the law in the industry, various federal courts have compounded the confusion with a series of conflicting opinions.

Richard J. Gray, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, said that the only certain way to end the snafu and prevent the industry from grinding to a halt is to repeal the Taft-Hartley law outright.

"It is the greatest mess of legalistic nonsense ever perpetrated," Mr. Gray said.

The AFL union and principal contractors have asked the board to issue a blanket administrative order exempting the industry from the law. The board has refused to do so, but said that Mr. Denham and the board

CIO Membership Claim Is Inflated, CNA Says

S-H Scribe Says

Washington.—Fred W. Perkins, Scripps-Howard News Service labor writer, figures CIO claims of 6,000,000 members are inflated. Mr. Perkins filed a dispatch Dec. 10 which confirmed the AFL News Service report of Nov. 4 that on the basis of financial reports submitted to the annual CIO convention the IO ain't as big as it claims." Mr. Perkins said:

The CIO made public its annual financial statement for the first time and thus started immediate questioning about the size of its membership.

The latter figure is reached by di-

adding the "per capita" tax required from each member into the total reported by the organization as received from this source in the year

veston, Texas. — International
shoremen's Association of the

won agreement from employers
off Coast ports to contribute 7
an hour per worker to a union
fund.

TO
Washington

AFL, the free trade union of India is the front line

—Secretary of Labor

in has announced plans to raise wages for learners in the textile industries in new 75-cents an hour

Completed by Mr. [Name], treasurer of the [Organization], Trades Depart-

William Green said for Mr. Ornburn's work begun and the foundation of the